

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-20 are currently pending.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 12 and 17 are objected to based on the use of the term "commands". The claims have been amended to replace "commands" with "command". Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

On page 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-16, and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,392,534 to Flick (hereinafter "Flick") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,181,255 to Crimmins et al. (hereinafter "Crimmins et al."). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 10, and 14 have been amended. Claim 1 is now directed to a receiver having an antenna for receiving a first wireless signal from a remote device "configured to attach to a surface on an interior of the vehicle" and a second remote device. The receiver includes a controller which learns the function of the second remote control device. Thus, the receiver of Claim 1 both learns a function of a remote control device and receives a control command from a remote device attached to the vehicle interior and it communicates the control command to an actuator for controlling the operation of a vehicle feature (e.g., a seat heater, as expressed in Claim 5). The amendments are supported in the present application at paragraphs 3, 4, 24, and 32. Advantageously, wires and connections normally needed for the addition of a stand alone switch unit or other remote device in a vehicle can be eliminated. In some exemplary embodiments, after-market automotive remote control units may be easily integrated into the vehicle to communicate via RF transmissions through a trainable transceiver to operate an actuator on the vehicle. (See paragraph 19). Similar amendments were made to claims 10 and 14.

Even assuming the combination of Flick and Crimmins et al. is proper, the combination fails to teach or suggest all the elements of claims 1, 10 or 14. In particular, the

combination would fail to teach a receiver receiving a control command from a remote device which is attached to a surface on an interior of the vehicle (Claim 1), receiving a control command from a switch unit coupled to the vehicle interior (Claim 10), or a trainable transceiver receiving a control command from a remote device configured to attach to an interior surface of the vehicle (Claim 14). Furthermore, neither Flick nor Crimmins et al. provides any suggestion or motivation to provide the advantageous features claimed in claims 1, 10, and 14. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of these claims is respectfully requested.

The dependent claims of claims 1, 10, and 14 which were rejected on page 3 of the Office Action are allowable for at least the same reasons as their respective independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of these claims is respectfully requested.

On page 9 of the Office Action, claims 5, 11, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Flick in view of Crimmins et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,198,244 to Hayden et al. (hereinafter “Hayden et al.”). Hayden et al. fails to provide a teaching lacking in Flick and Crimmins et al. and further fails to provide any suggestion or motivation to provide the features of claims 1, 10, and 14 not shown in these references. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 5, 11, and 17 is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to



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Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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